

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Art Unit: 1648
LASSEN, et al.)	Examiner: MOSHER, M.
Serial No.: 09/978,272)	Washington, D.C.
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For: ASSAY FOR DIRECTLY DETECTING A RS VIRUS RELATED BIOLOGICAL...)	Docket No.: LASSEN=2A
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In response to the office action mailed March 28, 2002,
please enter the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 44.

Please amend claims 1-4, 7, 10-21, 24, 28-34, 36-39, 41-44
to read as follows: *(Ex. Note: Amended Cls & Clean copy of
Claims (not amended) are all here together OK?)*

1. (amended). A kit for directly detecting a RS virus related biological
particle present in a sample in an amount of less than about 2000 cells or particles per
microlitre (10^{-6} litre), said kit comprising

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- i) a solid support, and
 - ii) a plurality of a first targeting species bound to the solid support, said targeting
species being capable of directly binding a predetermined RS virus related
biological cell or biological particle when it is present in a sample that is brought
into contact with the solid support, and